THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 15th May 1954.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past two of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of trained Social Welfare Workers employed in the Government Hospitals.

* 62 *Q.*—SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of trained Social Welfare Workers employed in the Government General Hospital, Stanley Hospital, Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Women and Children Hospital and Ophthalmic Hospital;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to employ more trained social workers in the Hospitals; and

(*c*) whether the Government have a special scheme for training medical social workers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Three in the Government General Hospital, one in the Government Stanley Hospital and one in the Government Hospital for Women and Children. No social worker is employed in other hospitals.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No, Sir."

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV :—" Is there any scheme for the employment of more social workers in the different hospitals in the City? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is a proposal to employ honorary social workers, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, what the duties of these medical social workers are? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They will aid the patients and guide the doctors in the investigation of the various factors responsible for certain diseases."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" Sir, are they paid any remuneration? If so, how much? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They are allowed a scale of pay of Rs. 85—5—150, the usual dearness allowance, house rent allowance up to a maximum of Rs. 15 per mensem, conveyance allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem, dhobi allowance of Rs. 3 per mensem and uniform allowance of Rs. 50 per annum."